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SUBJ: INVITATION TO PRES KAUNDA TO VISIT THE U.S.

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1. KAUNDA'S MENTION OF HIS GREAT RESPECT FOR AND FAITH IN PRESIDENT CARTER DURING OUR CONVERSATION ABOUT RHODESIA (REFTEL A) GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO PAY A STATE VISIT TO THE U.S. DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1978. I SAID THE TIMING COULD BE WORKED OUT LATER BUT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING HIS RESPONSE IN PRINCIPLE AND KNOWING IF ANY PARTICULAR TIME WOULD BE INCONVENIENT. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THE APRIL-MAY-JUNE PERIOD MAY HAVE ADVANTAGES.

2. KAUNDA ACCEPTED THE INVITATION READILY, AGREEING THAT THESE THREE MONTHS WOULD PROBABLY BE THE BEST FOR HIM. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAD TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS WOULD BE AN ELECTION YEAR FOR HIM AND HE COULD NOT TELL THIS FAR AHEAD WHAT THE EXIGENCIES OF CAMPAIGNING MIGHT REQUIRE OF HIM. SUBJECT TO SUCH RESERVATION, HOWEVER, HE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION WITH PLEASURE AND AGREED THAT WE WOULD CONSULT LATER ON THE TIMING.

3. COMMENT: THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY THAT SIMON KAPWEPWE WOULD
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REJOIN KAUNDA AND ZAMBIA'S ONE PARTY (UNIP) PUTS A VERY DIFFERENT CAST ON THE ELECTIONS. IT SHOULD GREATLY STRENGTHEN THE PRESIDENT IN THE IMPORTANT AND POPULOUS NORTHERN AND COPPERBELT PROVINCES. IT COULD EVEN HAVE THE EFFECT OF ENDING THE MANEUVERING AND RIVALRY TO BUILD ALLIANCES IN OPPOSITION TO KAUNDA. WE MAY NOW FIND OTHERS HASTENING TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT.

4. PROGRESS OF OUR INITIATIVE IN SEEKING A SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM MAY HAVE A MORE IMPORTANT EFFECT ON KAUNDA'S PLANS TO VISIT THE U.S. IF SMITH WERE TO DEFY THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL AND HOLD ON TO POWER, OR WORK OUT SOME KIND OF AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WITH MUZOREWA OR SITHOLE, IT COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON KAUNDA'S DESIRE TO VISIT THE U.S. EXACTLY WHAT THAT EFFECT WOULD BE IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT AT THIS STAGE. IF HE WERE TO ACCEPT FURTHER SOVIET OR CUBAN ASSISTANCE IN THE ARMAD STRUGGLE, HE MIGHT WANT TO VISIT THE U.S. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN HIS NON-ALIGNED STATUS AND TO PRESS THE U.S. TO STRENGTHEN SANCTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HIS CRITICISM OF THE WEST'S INABILITY TO BRING CHANGES IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA WERE TO BECOME MUCH STRONGER, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO MAINTAIN HIS PRINCIPLES AND SCHEDULE AN EARLY VISIT TO THE STATES. OF COURSE IF A SETTLEMENT IS REACHED ON THE BASIS OF OUR PROPOSAL, A VISIT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY TIMELY.

5. WE BELIEVE A PRESIDENTIAL LETTER CONFIRMING THE INVITATION IS A GOOD IDEA AND WILL BE FORWARDING A SUGGESTED DRAFT.
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